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## CHORUS GIRLS SCARED AS REHEARSAL ENDS BY A BLAZE ON BROADWAY

Stage Folk Rush to Street as Fire Starts in Empire Theatre Annex.

LITTLE DAMAGE DONE.

Firemen, Cheered by Great Crowd, Make Quick Work Quenching Flames.

Chorus girls, actors, theatrical managers and plain, ordinary citizens had a lot of excitement shortly after noon today in the neighborhood of Broadway and Fortieth street, when fire started in an office on the third floor of the Empire Theatre building.

Mrs. Maud Adams and her company had just finished rehearsing "What Every Woman Knows," when some one observed smoke issuing from the office of W. E. Nankerville, a theatrical agent, in the annex of the Empire building. Henry Blaney, an office boy in the employ of Mr. Hayman, whose office is directly under that of Nankerville, turned in an alarm.

There was the greatest kind of confusion for the next few minutes. John Ryland, the janitor, and Albert Sassepender, a printer, who chanced to be passing, rushed up the stairs and forced the door to Nankerville's office. Everything in the room was ablaze, but they began fighting the flames as best they could with buckets of water.

Quick Work by Firemen.

Battalion Chief Blinn reached the scene in double-quick time, and was followed by several fire engines, trucks, etc. When the fire-fighters got under way they made quick work of the blaze. Afterward it was estimated that the damage had been about \$500.

The flames ate through the flooring to Mr. Hayman's and Julius Cahn's offices, but did little damage to the fixtures. Nearly all the furniture in Nankerville's office was ruined, and many of his valuable papers were destroyed.

Miss Adams' company had left the theatre just a few minutes before the fire was discovered, but there were some of the chorus girls in the neighborhood. With a score of actors who were enjoying a side rehearsal in Kennedy's third emporium on the ground floor of the Empire building, and ran out in great excitement.

Big Crowd in Street.

A large crowd gathered in the street and the surface cars were blocked for several minutes. Many persons came from the hotels and resorts around, expecting to see a big fire, as the smoke from the engines seemed to indicate. When it was all over they went on their way, some of them apparently disappointed. The theatre building proper was not damaged.

SUED FOR \$20,000, GET \$750 VERDICT

City Loses Suit to Long Island Company Over Grading Contract.

A suit for \$20,000 against the city, which was begun on Monday last, terminated this morning, when Justice Garretson opened a sealed verdict, which was in favor of the plaintiff for \$750.

The suit was brought by the Long Island Construction Company, which claimed it had been given a contract to regulate the grade and curbing of Ditmars street, in Astoria.

FORMER SECRETARY TO BE A POWER IN LOCAL POLITICS.



WILLIAM LOEB, JR.

## LOEB CONFIRMED AS COLLECTOR OF NEW YORK PORT

Senate's Action Makes Him an Important Factor in Republican State Politics.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—The nomination of William Loeb Jr. to be collector of the Port of New York, and Beekman Whitworth, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy, were confirmed by the Senate in executive session today.

The appointment of Loeb was in the face of a resolution endorsing and commending Col. Fowler's administration, adopted by the Merchants' Association, the Maritime Exchange, the National Association of Customs House Brokers, and other local bodies of New York City, but President Taft had evidently determined on a change, which will make Loeb one of the most important political factors in the Empire State.

Before taking action on the nominations Senator Bailey made a protest against stories which were printed yesterday when he suggested that Charles Nagel, of Missouri, might be ineligible for the office of Secretary of Commerce and Labor if he had been interested in counsel in a suit against the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, which litigation is still pending before a Federal court.

Mr. Bailey made an extended speech, criticizing sharply the publication of alleged inaccurate stories of Executive sessions and lecturing persons who may have given out information concerning the sessions. The matter was referred to a committee of five.

A committee was then appointed to wait upon the President and inform him that the extraordinary session of the Senate was ready to adjourn.

When a response was received from the White House the Senate adjourned until March 15. The credentials of Senator Stephenson, of Wisconsin, failed to arrive in time to permit him to be sworn in.

Portrait of Williams

TOO BAD TO GIVE HIM.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—When John Sharp Williams, for six years minority leader, left the House to rest two years before coming to the Senate he did not take with him, after an official presentation, any memento of the esteem in which his fellow-members held him. It was not the members' fault, however. They commissioned an artist at a fancy price to paint a portrait of the noted Mississippi statesman, but the product was so disappointing none had the heart to present it.

"I know I am not handsome," commented Mr. Williams as he looked at the portrait, "but they could not have done worse if they had been painting Adam."

## FLAMES DRIVE FIFTY FAMILIES OUT INTO SNOW

Tenants of Grampian, Roused From Sleep, Flee Half Clad to Street.

ELEVATOR BOY HERO.

Gives Alarm and Keeps Car Running Till Shaft Is Ablaze.

When a cry of "Fire!" sounded through the Grampian, an apartment hotel at One Hundred and Eighty-second street and St. Nicholas avenue, at 1 o'clock this morning fifty families rushed to the halls and fled to the streets. A few men and women stopped for fur coats and other coverings, but the majority scampered down the stairs in their night clothes, not waiting for the elevator, and waded barefoot in the snow.

Mrs. Lydia Walker, whose apartments are on the second floor, discovered the blaze. She was aroused by the smell of smoke, and communicated by phone with Charles Lutz, manager of the house.

Elevator Boy Hero.

Louis Henderson, an elevator boy, then got busy. He went from floor to floor, beat on doors and gave the alarm. The fire cry was soon taken up from the first floor to the roof. Henderson tried to calm the excited tenants by saying: "It ain't much of a fire, but if you want to come down you better come on. The elevator is here."

The elevator was soon jammed with tenants. Henderson made a dozen trips in his car, and each time came down with men and women in disheveled and children wrapped in blankets. Some of the tenants had a collection of hastily snatched baggage.

Down the Fire Escapes.

The elevator shaft was soon so filled with smoke that the tenants decided it was easier and safer to escape by the stairs. Some of them took to the fire escapes and scrambled down the ice-coated ladders.

The last of the tenants on the escapes had not reached the ground before an alarm had brought the firemen, and a fireman yelled to them: "Come down the stairs. They are safe."

A few of the men and women on the ladders obeyed orders and climbed back through open windows, coming down the stairs, but others didn't have time to listen to reason, and down they came by the ladder route to step off into water ankle deep and freezing which came from the firemen's hose.

The firemen fought the blaze for fifteen minutes before it was under control. While the battle lasted the shivering tenants stood about in the snow. A study of the garments worn by the women brought forth the remark that baby blue was the popular style on Washington Heights. It was observed further that pajamas are fast taking the place of the night garments of our forefathers, and an old maid said: "The fire caused about \$1,000 damage."

DICKINSON A DEMOCRAT; DENIES DUNNE'S CHARGE.

CHICAGO, March 6.—A banquet in honor of Jacob M. Dickinson, the new Secretary of War, will be given by the Iroquois Club here next Tuesday. The club is a Democratic organization, of which Mr. Dickinson has long been a member. Ex-Mayor Dunne created a sensation in the club by refusing to attend. In a long letter he said Judge Dickinson had gone over to the Republican party, and that it was "highly inconsistent, if not ridiculous, for a Democratic organization to extend its congratulations to a member who has abandoned the party."

Judge Dickinson flatly denied Mr. Dunne's allegation. "I have always been a Democrat," and an still more he said, adding, after a moment, "although I didn't vote for Bryan."

WHITE POSSUM FOR TAFT IS SENT BY TEXANS.

DALLAS, Tex., March 6.—A large white possum, captured in Comanche County this week, was last night forwarded to President Taft. A letter to the President says:

"Understanding that you are fond of possums, we have secured a white one, a very rare specimen, and are sending the same to you today by express with compliments of your Texas friends. Signed: W. O. Conner, A. C. Kirkpatrick, P. C. Vines, D. G. Oppenheim."

## BULLDOGS FIGHT A SECOND ROUND IN COURT-ROOM

Renew Battle Stopped by Raid When Arraigned With Human Prisoners.

"AFFINITY" JOINS FRAY.

Canine Trio Mix Up Savagely in Utter Contempt of Law's Dignity.

There was a dog fight in the West Side Court today, which, though not fought to a finish, gave unutterable joy to forty or more court hangers-on and mid-eyed, innocent policemen who had never before heard of the gentle sport of course. The dog fight was the sequel of a really naughty, criminally concocted dog fight at O'Rourke's saloon, No. 227 West Ninety-sixth street, which was raided last night by Capt. Shaw, of the West One Hundredth street station, after a horrid preliminary look-see by Detectives Skelly and Ferguson.

Forty prisoners were taken in three patrol wagons to the West One Hundredth street station. They were as mix-up of longshoremen, off-duty bartenders, coal truck drivers and assistant janitors as ever were herded into cells. The dogs were also put in cells.

Combatants Had Clars.

The dogs behaved quite respectfully in the police station. They were Rob, an eighteen-month-old white bull, owned by Norman Wilson, of No. 26 West Thirty-seventh street, and valued at \$50, and Paddy, a mottled tan-and-white year-old pup, owned by O'Rourke, and valued at \$25. They were accompanied by Molly, Paddy's affinity, a brindie brindle.

"O'Rourke, Wilcox and the thirty-eight spectators, all rather the worse for wear after their frantic struggles to get out of the dog-fighting arena at the rear of the saloon last night, were taken to the West Side Court this morning under a heavy guard of detectives and policemen.

Everybody was angry with everybody else. Skelly and Ferguson had discovered the fight and had telephoned Capt. Shaw and the reserves. When the saloon was surrounded the detectives smashed a rear window and burst in upon the fight. The ensuing proceedings brought bruises and cut faces to every one in the place.

While the principals and the spectators were being arraigned in court, the dogs were out in the corridor, each on a long leash, at the other end of which was a large, bashful policeman. When O'Rourke, in the courtroom, raised his voice, proclaiming that it hadn't been a fight at all, but just an attempt to separate the dogs as to breeding and compare the two dogs as to breeding and points for a prize, Paddy rose up on his hind legs and bounded into the air.

The policeman who held him says he didn't mean to let go. The policeman was not under oath when he made this statement. Neither was the other policeman, who says that he was so startled by the insurgent Paddy that he couldn't retain his grip on Bob's leash. Just for good measure the policeman who had Molly on a line let her go, too.

Molly Joined the Fray.

Paddy forgot all about O'Rourke and his plaintive plea for release. Bob had just one fixed idea, the same being the annihilation of Paddy. And as for Molly, all she wanted was about seven mouthfuls of both of them.

They rolled down the hall in an inextricable tangle of howls, growls, legs and flashing teeth. They rolled into Lieut. "Billy" Ennis's office and under his desk. The ordinarily self-possessed lieutenant got up so abruptly that the desk tipped over, and he went down into the midst of the battle.

Everybody in the courtroom piled out, and women waiting for an accounting with their abandoning husbands and all sorts of whistled complaints went out and down the stairs, shrieking. The court proceedings suspended themselves automatically.

Wilson and O'Rourke came into the hall and began pushing everybody back, exchanging mouth-sets at a high rate of speed. Ennis got each of them by the scruff of the neck and told them to separate the dogs or get a blackjack in the eye. The two fell upon the grating and the three dogs were pinned apart. O'Rourke produced muzzles for his two, and four policemen were detailed to hold Nelson's Bob.

After this demonstration of the amiability of the rivals which had been the subjects of consideration of the O'Rourke association for the improvement of the breed of dogs, the arraignment was resumed. O'Rourke and Wilson deemed it wise to waive examination and were held in \$300 each for special sessions. The thirty-eight spectators were held in \$50 for the same tribunal. Not one of them had so much as a cent on them when all came to jail.

## CABINET SWORN AND CONGRESS SESSION CALLED

Taft in Summons for Special Term, to Open March 15, Does not Mention Tariff.

FULLER GIVES THE OATH

MacVeagh and Dickinson Have Not Yet Qualified—Callers Storm the White House.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Six members of President Taft's Cabinet took the oath of office in the Cabinet room at the White House shortly after 10 o'clock this morning. The obligation to uphold the Constitution and enforce the laws was administered by Chief Justice Fuller, of the Supreme Court of the United States. The oath was administered first to Philander C. Knox as Secretary of State. Frank H. Hitchcock was next sworn as Postmaster-General. George Von L. Meyer as Secretary of the Navy. Richard A. Ballinger, Secretary of the Interior. James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture, and Charles Nagel, Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Taft's Proclamation.

George Wickeshaam took the oath of office yesterday as Attorney-General. Messrs. Dickinson and MacVeagh will not reach the city for some days.

President Taft, Secretary Carpenter, Senator Burton, of Ohio; Richard D. Harlan, son of Justice Harlan, of the Supreme Court, and John Barrett, Director of the Bureau of American Republics, were present during the ceremony.

Shortly after the ceremony President Taft issued his call for a special session of the Sixty-first Congress to convene on March 15. In the call no object was stated.

The following is the text of the call: "By the President of the United States of America.

"A PROCLAMATION. "Whereas, Public interests require that the Congress of the United States should be convened in extra session at 12 o'clock noon on the 15th day of March, 1909, to receive such communication as may be made by the Executive;

"Now, therefore, I, William Howard Taft, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim and declare that an extraordinary occasion requires the Congress of the United States to convene in extra session at the Capitol in the City of Washington on March 15, 1909, at 12 o'clock noon, at which all persons who shall at that time be entitled to act as members thereof are hereby required to take notice.

"Given under my hand and the Seal of the United States of America, the sixth day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and nine, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and thirty-third. (Signed) WILLIAM H. TAFT, President. "P. C. KNOX, Secretary of State."

Great Many Callers.

President Taft later gave himself up to the reception of several hundred persons who gained admittance to his offices by reason of being accompanied by Senators and Representatives. The outer office was crowded, and as the line passed through the Cabinet room where the President stood and was introduced and shook hands with each person. Senator Aldrich, of Rhode Island, interrupted the reception proceedings by a somewhat lengthy conference with the President.

While the friends of Senators and Members were being received in the office building a big throng gathered in the East Room, being delegations with proper credentials, and when Mr. Taft had disposed of the first crowd he went to the East Room, where the handshaking process continued for some time.

LAST WEDNESDAY OF APRIL FOR INAUGURATION DAY.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—The last Wednesday of April was today suggested as the proper date on which to inaugurate a President, in a joint resolution introduced by Senator Depew. The resolution was in the form of an amendment to the Constitution, and provided that the Sixty-second Congress and the term of the office of President and Vice-President shall continue until the last Wednesday of April, 1913, at noon.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

## WOMAN FIGHTS WITH SHERIFF TO ESCAPE ARREST ON PIER

EXPLORER WHO SAYS ROOSEVELT WILL DIE ON AFRICAN TRIP.



FREDERICK STARR

## AFRICAN HUNT WILL BE DEATH OF ROOSEVELT

Prof. Starr, Explorer, Says He Cannot Live Through Trip He Has Planned.

CHICAGO, March 6.—"Theodore Roosevelt will never return to the United States alive if he carries out his announced intentions in exploring the dark regions of Africa in quest of big game."

Such is the prediction of Prof. Frederick Starr, of the University of Chicago, whose prophecy is based upon his knowledge of the dangers of that country, particularly from individuals fevers, through his expeditions to the Congo Free State.

Mr. Roosevelt, according to Prof. Starr, will invade a region where few white men have dared to venture heretofore on account of the fatal nature of epidemics and the "sleeping sickness."

"His danger," says the professor, "will not lie in the ferocity of the animals which dwell there, but in the terrors which every explorer has come to fear and which have taken the lives of many adventurers."

"I have visited Africa and known the extent of these. I had a fever peculiar to that portion of the country I visited nine different times and narrowly escaped with my life."

The ex-President has not the temperament or the temper a man needs who would withstand the dangers of the climate he plans to brave."

ACCUSES A BUTLER.

Real Estate Man's Servant Charged With Taking Piece of Silver.

John Iverson, a butler employed by the family of William M. V. Hoffman, a wealthy real estate dealer, living at No. 35 West Fifty-first street, was arraigned before Magistrate Crane in the Essex Market Court today charged with stealing a silver sugar tong from the Hoffmans. He was held in \$500 bail for hearing to-morrow.

Detective Spiro, of the Central Office, says he saw Iverson enter a pawn shop at No. 57 First avenue, and offer the silver sugar tong for sale. It had the initials of Mr. Hoffman engraved on it. Iverson, Spiro says, confessed that he took it.

## Rich Mrs. Ethel Murtha Clarey Apprehended at Instance of Actor William Stuart as She Was About to Sail for Europe.

POISONED WIFE'S MIND, HE SAYS, AND ASKS \$50,000.

Lived Happily Until They Met Defendant, He Declares in Suit—Woman Deposits \$2,000 Cash Bail and Is Freed After Ship Departs.

Named as defendant in one of the most remarkable suits ever brought in this country, Mrs. Ethel Murtha Clarey, a wealthy woman of this city, was arrested on the pier of the Atlantic Transport line today by Deputy Sheriff Rader.

The arrest was not made until after a struggle, Mrs. Clarey scratching and mauling the deputy and screaming for assistance. She was about to go aboard the steamship Minnehaha when Rader stepped up to her and showed her an order of arrest signed by Supreme Court Justice Fitzgerald.

The order was based on a suit for \$50,000 damages brought by William Stuart, an actor, who swears that the rich and handsome Mrs. Clarey poisoned the mind of his wife, Anna Hollinger Stuart, against him.

Tried to Get Away.

Mrs. Clarey was accompanied by another woman, said to be the actor's wife. When Rader had explained what he wanted she and her companion endeavored to brush by him and darted in the direction of the gangway.

The deputy anticipated the maneuver and jumped to the gangplank, blocking the way. Then he laid his hand on Mrs. Clarey's arm and told her she would have to obey the order and abandon her sea voyage. The two richly gown women screamed and rushed angrily upon the deputy.

He warned them off and caught the defendant in the suit firmly by the arm. Her struggles and the pulling and hauling of her companion were in vain. They fought until their strength was exhausted, however, and then consented to obey the order of the Supreme Court.

Happy Until Woman Appeared.

In his complaint Stuart sets forth that he married Anna Hollinger on Aug. 23, 1903, and that their married life was serenely happy until "they met Mrs. Clarey in April, 1907. Both Mr. and Mrs. Stuart were on the stage then and Mrs. Clarey became a member of the company in which they were playing."

The actor swears that directly after his wife met Mrs. Clarey she fell under her influence and he characterizes that influence as malicious and wicked.

Stuart goes on to state that the strange influence of the defendant is exerted upon his wife asleep or awake, and that Mrs. Clarey need only nod her head to make Mrs. Stuart obey her slightest wish or whim.

Put Up Cash Bail.

The actor recites that he learned that Mrs. Clarey and his wife had engaged passage and were about to sail for London, whereupon he secured the order of arrest. Bail for Mrs. Clarey had been fixed at \$2,000 by Justice Fitzgerald, and she gave bail in cash within an hour after her arrest. She produced one bundle of \$1,000 and two of \$500 each and went her way unaccompanied.

BINGHAM OFF FOR A REST.

Going to Washington to See Taft and "The Boys."

Police Commissioner Bingham announced today that he would leave this city to-night and go to Washington for a week's rest. He said that he had been trying to shape his plans to get down to the District of Columbia to see "the boys" for some time past, but that until now he had not seen his way clear.

Asked if the retirement of Mr. Roosevelt had anything to do with relieving the situation, he put the question aside with a smile. He said he would call on President Taft and at least leave his card. He expects to have a pleasant chat with Maj. Sylvester, chief of the Washington police, and an old friend.

VIENNA, March 6.—Telegrams received here from Carinthia, Austria, report that a series of avalanches have occurred there and that numbers of houses in the different villages of the section have been swept away. It is known these ten deaths have resulted.